SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2009-64

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with Nonstop, Inc., to initiate the purchase of material and fabrication of artwork for the Link Capitol Hill Station in the amount of $440,000, with a 10% contingency of $44,000, totaling $484,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed $604,000.

Background:

This contract amendment will authorize Nonstop, Inc. to begin purchase of materials needed for project fabrication and to begin the implementation portion of the artwork contract for the Link Capitol Hill Station scheduled to be completed in 2015 and open for service in 2016. The artwork includes the dismantling and reconstruction of the outer shells of two decommissioned military planes into bird-like forms suspended over the station platform. These planes are currently available, but are hard to locate and dependent on fluctuations in the military surplus market.

Sound Transit and the artist would like to have the ability to procure the available planes now, fabricate the artwork and then store it until the station construction has been sufficiently completed to accommodate their final installation. It is anticipated that purchasing the planes and fabricating the artwork now will save the project money over the next six years. Savings from lower purchase and fabrication costs are expected to exceed the added artwork storage and handling costs over the extended duration of the station construction.

Artist Mike Ross was commissioned in 2007 through a national, open Call-to-Artists selection process. A panel of neighborhood representatives, public art professionals and design team members reviewed 120 work-sample applications and unanimously selected Ross after interviews and presentations from six short-listed artists. His work has energy, a sense of scale and forward looking concepts that appealed to the group, and that the neighborhood representatives thought could best represent the Capitol Hill community for years in the future.

The Capitol Hill Station design is now 100% complete and incorporates the planned artwork into the station's structural, lighting and other detailed design drawings and construction contract specifications. A second artist working on the Capitol Hill Station, Ellen Forney (a Capitol Hill resident); will be producing two painted murals that will located in the station's north and west entrances. Her artwork is not part of this contract amendment.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a contract amendment with Nonstop, Inc., to initiate the purchase of material and fabrication of artwork for the Link Capitol Hill Station in the amount of $440,000, with a 10% contingency of $44,000, totaling $484,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed $604,000.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 6, 2009.

Aaron Reardon
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator